

SITUATION REPORT NO. 18
INCIDENT NO. 95-04
DATE: June 23, 1995 TIME: 11:00 a.m.

TO: Governor Edward T. Schafer
State Capitol
Bismarck, ND 58504

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: 1995 Spring Flood.
2. DEATH AND INJURIES: No change from previous report.
3. DAMAGE: Severe thunderstorms moved across central ND on Tuesday, June 20, 1995. Winds of up to 70 mph, hail, heavy rain, three reported tornadoes, and damaging downburst winds were reported. Damages were reported to farm buildings, two trailer homes, power lines, and trees were uprooted. City officials reporting damage from the storm included Hannover, Center, New Salem, Huff, Washburn, Underwood, Norwich and White Shield. A tornado reported at the Coal Creek generating plant northwest of Washburn damaged two pole buildings, one of the power generating towers and other site facilities.

The level of Devils Lake is 1435.57 feet msl as of June 23, 1995. After leveling off last week, the lake continues to rise.

The Missouri River at Williston reached 21.8 feet msl on June 23, 1995. Flood stage is 20 feet msl.
4. RESOURCES COMMITTED: No change from previous report.

LOCAL: No change from previous report.

STATE: No change from previous report.

FEDERAL: No change from previous report.
5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: Weather Spotters were activated as a result of the severe thunderstorms which struck ND on June 20, 1995.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: Emmons, Renville, and Sargent Counties have been added to the list of 29 counties declared as major disaster areas by President Clinton. This brings the number of declared counties to 32.

On June 18, a Public Assistance Mitigation Strategy Agreement for FEMA-1050-DR-ND was signed by the Federal Coordinating Officer and the Governor's Authorized Representative. This agreement allows the inspectors completing DSRs to write in hazard mitigation measures at a specific damage site, if those measures meet certain criteria.

A Disaster Unemployment Assistance training session for 20 ND Job Service staff members was conducted at the Jamestown ND Job Service office on June 20, 1995. The training was conducted on interim rules and application form processing.

As of June 22, 19 federal/state teams were in the field inspecting damage sites and completing DSRs. Those counties are: Barnes, Benson, Bottineau, Cavalier, Dickey, Eddy, Foster, Griggs, Kidder, LaMoure, McHenry, Nelson, Pembina, Ramsey, Steele, Stutsman, Towner, Walsh, and Wells.

Governor Schafer announced President Clinton has approved his request for Disaster Unemployment Assistance in the previously declared 29 counties. On June 22, Governor Schafer requested Emmons, Renville, and Sargent Counties be included in the Disaster Unemployment Assistance Program. This program provides aid for individuals who are unemployed as a direct result of the flood disaster.

McKenzie and Williams County officials and ND Division of Emergency Management officials are monitoring Yellowstone and Missouri River levels.

A meeting was called on June 22 by the Red River Valley and Western Railroad to discuss the drainage of the railroad line at Pingree. Attending that meeting were representatives from the ND Division of Emergency Management and Stutsman County Emergency Management, Stutsman County Water Resources Board, as well as the railroad, the city, and the Woodworth elevator.

The US Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District, has supplied the state with a set of aerial photos of Devils Lake. The photos are located at the State Emergency Operations Center.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: None at this time.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from previous report.
9. OTHER INFORMATION: Applicant Briefings have been scheduled for 1:00 pm, June 28, in Jamestown at the Law Enforcement Center for Sargent and Emmons Counties and 1:00, June 30 in Mohall at the Courthouse Community Room for Renville County.

Hazard Mitigation Applicant Briefings have been scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on June 27 at the Ramsey County Courthouse; 9:30 a.m. on June 28 at the Stutsman County Law Enforcement Center; and 9:30 a.m. on June 29, at the Fort Totten Room of the State Capitol. The purpose of the briefings is to explain the importance of hazard mitigation at the state and local level, give an overview of the hazard mitigation grant program, and to explain the application process. The 32 counties included in the major disaster declaration counties are eligible for hazard mitigation grant program funding.

Signed _____
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State Director